| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | *Central Zoo Authority* | *Upgradation of Zoos* | *100%* | *Ongoing* | *Nil* | *1 Zoo covered* |
| 8. | Assistance for abatement of pollution | To strengthen the J&K Pollution Control Board | 100% | Ongoing | 4.00 | NA |
| 9. | Paryavarna Vahini | Create Environmental Awareness | 100% | Ongoing | Nil | 3 Districts selected Paryavaran Vahinis (Jammu, B.Le) |
| 10. | Conservation of Wetlands | To protect and regenerate the wetlands | 100% | Ongoing | 41.00 | 2 wetlands covered (TSO-MOI qual) |

NR - Non Recurring R - Recurring NA - Not Available

*[Translation]*

**Migration from Bangladesh**

4862. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi migrants residing illegally in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any action has been taken by the Government for their deportation; and

(c) if so, the number of Bangladeshi migrants identified and sent back during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) It is difficult to estimate the exact number of infiltrators from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) The interception/apprehension of unauthorised Bangaldesh migrants and their deportation to Bangladesh is an on-going process. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time. A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These measures includes raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provisions of surveillance equipments etc. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels.

(c) The year-wise details as reported by the Border Security Force are given below :

| Year | Intercepted | Pushed Back |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1994 | 26,562 | 22,110 |
| 1995 | 16,984 | 12,486 |
| 1996 | 13,745 | 7,650 |

*[English]*

**Assistance for Protective Works**

4863. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that due to elephants trampling, several lakhs worth of crops are being destroyed every year in the Mysore District;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has sought any financial assistance for trenching and for taking protective works to save the crops; and

(c) if so, the amount sought for and the amount released by the Central Government for the purpose during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The damage to agricultural crops grown at the fringes of elephant habitats by wild elephants results in losses that run in lakhs of rupees.

(b) and (c) The amounts of financial assistance sought by the Karnataka Government for trenching and taking protective works to save the crops and released by the Central Government under Project Elephant during 1996-97 are given below:

| Scheme | Item | Amount Sought | Amount Released |
|---|---|---|---|
| Project Elephant | Trenching | Rs. 35.58 lakhs | Rs. 14.20 lakhs |
| | Energised fence | Rs. 12.00 lakhs | Rs. 8.50 lakhs |
| | Total | Rs. 47.58 lakhs | Rs. 22.70 lakhs |